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For:

A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD

OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 27, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: